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Y BAILEY	June 1/17		<p>Considerable difficulty experienced by lorries in carrying out daily duties owing to enemy shell fire. All available lorries employed as ammunition, supplies. Carrying road material and on the RR Services - Idal. Lorries in the Corps 1400 odd - 214 lorries in workshops of Suez Park -</p>	
BAHUSOL	2/6/17 to 5/6/17		<p>to Army Field Artillery Brigade force found. At Corps and a water tank column which has been doing very good work indeed -</p>	
BAHUSOL	6/6/17		<p>BAHUSOL Shelled occasionally, and bombed by enemy aeroplanes several times -</p>	

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BAULSOL	7/6/17		<p>BAULSOL Steeled today, 3 N4 shells per day - All lorries still employed daily - today 167 for Corps Roads Officer -</p> <p>2nd day = 40 extra lorries will be required by Chief Engineer for construction repair of WULVERSHETT - MESSINES Road -</p>	
BAULSOL	8/6/17		<p>Walt tank Column doing very good work. 2 hours after our attack several of Walt tank Garford lorries were up as far as MESSINES - and a forward camp of this unit has been established -</p> <p>All lorries working in Amniche and M.S. Services - with a proportion on supplies.</p>	

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8/6/17
9/1/17
10/6/17
11/6/17

Loeries still working as Ammunition (N or S or way) and
Mr. Services - as many as we can find -
Heavy Batteries and Siege Batteries constantly moving -
Owing to an attempted counter attack by the
enemy South of ARMENTIERES some of our Siege Batteries
had to be withdrawn and taken to the South West front
that their Ammunition had also to go -
40 Loeries working for Chief Engineer
Repair of WULVERBETH - MESSINES Road.

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Batteries still moving 250 Loeries as this work today
and last night -
Same Loeries as usual (as many as)

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Can be put on the road) required daily for all services -

On and after yesterday a 5 mile 'Bus Service' for walking wounded was started - 2 separate circuits to 2 different C.C.s - 20 lorries on one circuit and 10 on the other - Out of all the wounded attended to by the C.C.s of the Corps over 2/3 were conveyed by these lorries -

24 lorries painted red (to enable them to be recognized by policemen who were instructed to allow them to go against traffic lights etc) were stationed at ROMANIN and loaded with special material for filling shell holes - These lorries have done an excellent work -

6 of these were blown up by a direct hit on the petrol tank of one of them - They were in convoy

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			<p>at the time parked and it was only with difficulty that all the Art 18 were got away before more damage was done -</p>	
	9/2/43		<p>Corps No. 1647 Lorrys Stung - 217 in workshops - a good many due to tyre trouble. - there seems to be difficulties in getting these tyres - Excellent work has been done by the lorrys detailed for the work done under Lt Dowson of No 3 Australian Supply Column - Batteries still having a good deal and a large number of lorrys have to be reserved daily for this job -</p>	

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	12/4/12		<p>The number of lorries for C.S. on Clepair of Wilverghem Messines Road has been reduced to 14 from today which has enabled us to undertake some of those badly in need of it -</p> <p>The water Column is still doing very good work though shelled constantly - the forward Camp -</p> <p>The 40 Lories which were working on WILVERGHEM - MESSINES Road were on one occasion shelled very heavily and had to move to another place -</p> <p>BATTLEUL still gets a few shells daily - none of which have yet come into the town actually -</p>	

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BAHUSOL	25/6/17		<p>Large number of lorries employed daily as road carting material for repair of roads etc - 159 out on the service today - 200 lorries employed today as mules of Siege Batteries - It is expected that a number of these will shortly come out and proceed to the Corps -</p> <p>Fifth Army is N.A.H. of Second Army now and it is likely that most of our Siege Batteries will go up there -</p> <p>The average number of lorries in workshops of Siege Park at present is 170 daily - which is good when it is remembered that about that number were <u>towed</u> in out of action completely -</p>	
BAHUSOL	27/6/17		<p>One Ancillary Petrol Company has been sent to the Corps to assist the road making lorries - Consists of 18 vehicles altogether 1 workshop 1 store, 1st aid and 15 working lorries.</p>	

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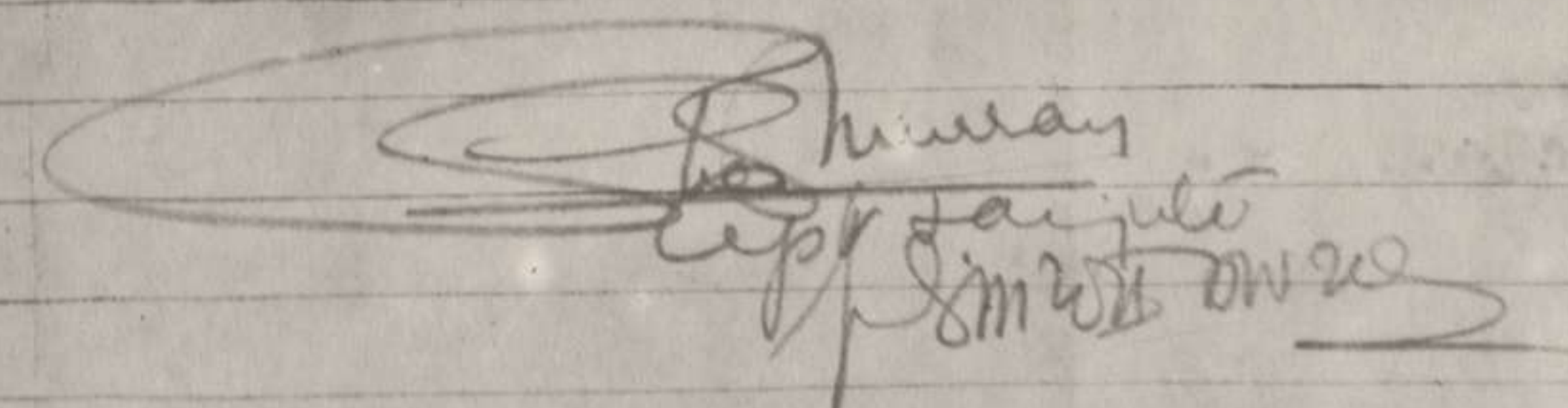
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DORISVILLE - 30/1/40	27/1/40		<p>Fitted with tip tray bodies - Lorry's still working at high pressure - about 47 in road construction work today - has been about the same for past few days -</p> <p>Have requested that No 5 Air Sub Park should be sent out to refit as nearly every lorry want a good overhaul - The least lorry in the column is 1914 ! -</p>	
			 <p>Murray Capt. 1st A.I.C. 1st A.I.C. 1st A.I.C.</p>	